



CHALLENGERS – YEAR ONE WEEK 3

AIM: To respond correctly to others because I am created in God's image.

Pre-Session Activity:

Spend time at the beginning of each club interacting about school, home, activities, etc. the past week. It is vital to connect to gain their trust.

Or get them involved in planning the song time, setting up the activity, developing a plan to teach the Bible verse, etc.

Or have clay or play-doh available as they arrive and encourage them to form an animal or anything else. These will be used in the Bible lesson.

Songs:

Sing songs about God's great love for us. Include songs about the personal relationship we can have with Him.

Song web-sites:

www.kidzup.com/lyrics1.htm

www.kiddiddles.com

Or use the search engine to look up the title of the song.

Bible Lesson:

Created in God's Image
Genesis 39, 50 or Daniel 1

Summary: We are God's most unique creation because we are created in His image. This lesson discusses what this means and why we should trust God with every circumstance of our lives.

Memory Verse:

Review Psalm 139:14

*Review suggestion: Use the hand actions from last week to review the meaning of the verse. Play **Memory Surprise** found on page 22.*

Activity:

Woodcraft

2. Begin work on a woodcraft project. Complete the craft project in club (sanding, nailing, and painting).

Leader note: Invite someone from your church who is skilled in woodworking to help with this project.

OR, Homemaker

2. Learn how to stencil. If possible, stencil the nursery or kitchen of your church.

Alternate suggestion: Stencil a paper tablecloth to be used in the "bake-off" in #5.

Notes:

**At Home Time With God reminder for Week 3:
Page 147 or 148**

Bible Lesson:

God is My Creator: Created in God's Image

Give some clay or play-doh to everyone and have them form an animal or anything that want. As they do this review the six days of Creation discussed last week. Ask how the creation of man and woman differed from the rest of God's creation. Have several share what they made with clay. Did they have a plan in mind when they began to mold the clay? If so, have them tell you the plan.

Turn to Genesis 1:26. Have someone read the verse. What does "let us" mean? Who is the "us" mentioned by God? *(Help them see that this refers to the Trinity. All three persons of the Godhead were active during Creation. Psalm 104:30 tells us that the Holy Spirit was present at the time of Creation. Colossians 1:16 tells us that Jesus Christ was at work in Creation.)*

This verse tells us that God made us in "His image." How are we made in God's image? *(They may say that we look like Him. However, we do not all look the same, and God is a spirit. Spirits have no form.)* Instead, God made us to reflect His personality, His glory. He made us like Him in that we have the ability to think, feel, and act. God is personal and so are we. He can maintain a personal relationship with us. We were created to have a personal relationship with God. Here is an example: *(To see God's personal involvement in specific people's lives look at Genesis 39:21; 50:20, or Daniel 1:9.)*

Tell the story of Joseph or Daniel to point out these three things:

What did Joseph/Daniel think?

What did Joseph/Daniel feel?

How did Joseph/Daniel act?

God made Joseph/Daniel and knew everything about them. Yet He allowed Joseph/Daniel to live through tough circumstances. God made Joseph/Daniel in His image to think, feel, and act.

God made you in His image. He allows you to go through tough situations. You have the ability to think, feel, and act.

Ask: Who are we? (We are people made in God's image. We can think, feel, and act. God has personally designed us to be what He wants us to be. He makes no mistakes.)

How might God be at work in our personal lives today? In what situations or circumstances may God be active? *(Draw from them things at home, school, church, etc. where they think God may be at work in individual lives.)*

Have them write in their journals one thing God may be working on in their personal lives. Write if they think their thoughts, feelings, or actions in the circumstance are pleasing or not pleasing to God.

Memory Verse Review:

MEMORY SURPRISE

Write each word, or short phrase, of the verse on a strip of construction paper and attach backing to use on a flannel board.

Before club hide several squares of felt or construction paper under some of the memory verse strips. As they repeat the verse have one Challenger remove one strip. If there is a square under the strip they have removed they have to say the verse. If there is no square everyone should repeat the verse together. This Challenger picks the next player.

More suspense can be added by varying who says the verse. Cut small pieces of construction paper to fit behind the strips of the verse. On each piece print one of the following conditions:

*You say the verse.

*Pick a friend to say the verse.

*Everyone wearing red say the verse.

*Leaders say the verse.

*Everyone say the verse.

*Anyone who has a sister say the verse.

*Everyone who has a birthday in (month) say the verse.

*Everyone with blue eyes say the verse.